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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT

REF : MANILA 2050

1. CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD HAS CALLED TO ATTENTION PAN AM AND NORTHWEST CONSIDERATIONS RAISED IN REFTEL. BOTH CARRIERS NOW REVIEWING SCHEDULES IN LIGHT EMBASSY COMMENTS.

2. EMBASSY PRESUMPTION THAT CAB HAS AUTHORITY TO PASS ON APPROPRIATENESS OF SCHEDULES FILED BY U.S. CARRIERS IS NOT CORRECT. CARRIER MANAGEMENT NORMALLY ENJOYS COMPLETE

FREEDOM TO SCHEDULE SERVICES OVER AGREED ROUTES AT SUCH

TIMES AND WITH SUCH FREQUENCIES AS COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND MARKET FACTORS INDICATE. EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS, SCHEDULING OF FLIGHT CREWS, AND CURFEW RESTRICTIONS AT CERTAIN AIRPORTS ALSO INFLUENCE SCHEDULING AS DOES NEED TO TIE INTO CONNECTING SERVICES.

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3. RE PAN AM DECISION TO DROP MANILA-HONG KONG SERVICE,

CARRIER'S EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT THIS SERVICE WITHOUT TRAFFIC RIGHTS DID NOT RESULT IN OPERATIONAL ADVANTAGES AS GREAT AS ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED. WITH APPROVAL OF TWA/PAN AM ROUTE SWAP CARRIER NOW HAS

OPPORTUNITY SERVE HONG KONG ON CENTRAL PACIFIC ROUTING WITHOUT REQUIREMENT THAT A SEGMENT BE BLIND SECTORED. WE UNDERSTAND IT PROPOSES OPERATE HONG KONG VIA TAIPEI AND OKINAWA WHERE FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS NOT RESTRICTED.

4. US CARRIERS' PROPENSITY FOR CONCENTRATING COMPETITION ON EACH OTHER RATHER THAN ON FOREIGN CARRIER IS NOT UNIQUE. BOARD'S BUREAU OF OPERATING RIGHTS IN SUBMISSION IN THE TRANSATLANTIC ROUTE PROCEEDING CALLED ATTENTION TO ENERGY AND RESOURCES EXPENDED BY US CARRIERS IN COMPETING AGAINST EACH OTHER WHEN COMPETITION WITH FOREIGN CARRIERS MIGHT HAVE PROVEN MORE PRODUCTIVE. IN CASE AT HAND, HOWEVER, SERVICE IS NOT DUPLICATIVE SINCE PAN AM'S ROUTING TO US FROM MANILA IS VIA CENTRAL AND NORTHWEST IS VIA NORTHERN PACIFIC. SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT WESTBOUND SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED ON DAILY BASIS.

5. WILL ADVISE WHEN FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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